

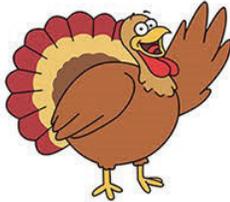
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Holiday shopping days are fast approaching, as is the time to increase our awareness of crime. Everyone is looking for a bargain. The criminals are no exception. The easier you make it for the criminals, the better they like it.

When parking vehicles, **remove all visible temptations** (cell phones, laptops, purses, checkbooks, sunglasses, packages in bags, wrapped packages, etc.). Put these items in the trunk or in the house when parked at home. When shopping, place packages in the trunk of your vehicle. If you own a vehicle without a trunk, take a dark blanket with you to cover the items. Park your vehicle as close as possible to the store. Park under lights. If you feel uncomfortable about leaving a store / mall alone, ask security / store associate to walk with you to your car.

When using an ATM, look around to see if anyone is watching you withdraw money. When paying with cash / dealing with cash – **stash it! Don't flash It!**

If you expect a delivery, be mindful of the delivery time, if you are not going to be home, ask your neighbor or friend to watch for it.

Be very careful when using your credit cards. Make sure to secure your receipts so the numbers cannot be used by unauthorized people to order items online or over the phone. When destroying these credit card receipts, be sure to either cut them up or shred them. Beware of using your credit cards over the phone or internet, make sure the website you are on is **legit**.

Have a happy and safe Holiday Season!



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